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[redacted] and Mr. Houston called on Representative Leslie C. Arends (R., Ill.), who is the ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee and ex-officio member of the CIA Subcommittee, House Armed Services. While he is not a member of Subcommittee No. 1, which will handle our legislation, we wanted to explain to him what we were seeking and get his advice. He quickly understood our aim in seeking the early retirement authority and asked how many would be involved. I said our best guess would be eventually [redacted]. We told him hearings were to be scheduled around the 1st of August, and he commented that we would have plenty of time. He also agreed that we were caught in an unfortunate situation in connection with the Civil Rights fight which might affect our position. However, he said he would talk to Leon H. Gavin (R., Pa.) and William H. Eates (R., Mass.), the senior Republicans on Subcommittee No. 1, and ask them to give our bill their attention. We told him we would follow up with them and the other members of the Subcommittee. Mr. Arends said he thought this was highly desirable.

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2. [redacted] Mr. Elder informed me that the Director had approved forwarding the Bethe Panel report of 27 June 1963 to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy but that he himself did not wish to become involved. I called Mr. [redacted] who said he would have to request an extra copy from [redacted] that he would do so, and that then he felt he or a member of his staff should get in touch with Conway or Murphy as there might be explanations that would be required on the report. I asked him to keep us informed of developments.

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3. [redacted] Delivered to JCAE a letter to the Chairman responding to a series of questions raised by Senator Jackson concerning Chinese nuclear capabilities.

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4. [] Advised by Col. Kreider, Deputy Executive Secretary, USIB, that an item for approval of USIB has been included in the minutes with regard to the release of [] to the JCAE.

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